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DR. J. R. COLEMAN DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Well Known Physician Succumbs to Attack of Acute Bright's Disease.

One of the Most Popular and Brightest Men in Paducah and Was in Demand on All Occasions.

STOOD HIGH IN THE PROFESSION

Dr. Robert Coleman died this morning at the family residence, 1625 Jefferson street, of Bright's disease, after an illness of one week. His death had been expected for some time, his attending physicians and friends giving up hope Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Coleman was a native of Henry county, Tenn., the son of Robert S. and Fannie Coleman. He was born August 22, 1860, and moved with his parents to Murray, Ky., in April, 1872. He attended the common schools, and studied medicine under his father. He attended the lectures and graduated with honors from the medical department of the University of Louisville, in 1883. He practiced at Murray until July, 1900, when he came to Paducah.

He was a prominent member and worker in the Southwest Medical Association. He was corresponding secretary of the association in 1886, first vice president in 1890, and president in 1891. He was vice president at one time of the West Tennessee Medical Association, and president of the Caloway County Association. In 1904 he was honored with the presidency of the McCracken County Medical Association, and at all times took a great interest in each of the associations. He is the author of the History of the Southwestern Kentucky Association, which also contains sketches of the presidents of the organization.

Dr. Coleman was married at Murray November 4, 1885, and his wife who was Miss Jessie McElrath, daughter of J. C. McElrath, of Murray, survives him. He also leaves two daughters, Miss Reila and Miss Frances Coleman. His mother, who resided with him, and two brothers, James H. Coleman, of Murray, and Thomas E. Coleman, of Princeton, and one sister, Mrs. May Stille, of Benton, survive him.

Dr. Coleman was a prominent Mason. He was at his death, grand marshal of the grand lodge, and at one time was master of the Mayfield lodge. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows.

The funeral services will be conducted at the family residence, 1625 Jefferson street, tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, by the Rev. H. B. Taylor, of the Baptist church, of Murray, and the body will be taken to Murray on a special train, leaving at noon and arriving at Murray at 1:30 o'clock. The burial will be under the auspices of the Masons, and Grand Master Samuel Veatch, of Carlisle, Ky., will conduct the services.

Physicians Will Meet.
Dr. Reddick, secretary of the medical association, has called a meeting of the McCracken County Medical Association for tonight at 8 o'clock, at his office to take action on Dr. Coleman's death and to appoint a delegation to attend the funeral at Murray, and the other associations, of which he was a member will also take action.

He Will Be Missed.
The first announcement of the serious illness of Dr. Coleman last week, was a great surprise and shock to his friends. It had been known for some time to his more intimate friends that he was probably mortally afflicted, but he, and they hoped for the best, and he had planned a trip south in the anticipation of finding relief. He realized, however, the seriousness of his affliction and took unusual precautions to prevent an acute attack, which he feared, and it was while on a trip last week to Princeton that he took a cold. This brought on the attack that resulted fatally.

Dr. Coleman was one of the most popular men in Paducah, and numbered his friends among people in all walks of life. After the first announcement of his illness, his house was besieged by anxious friends at all hours of the day and night, solicitous to know of his condition.

Just at the prime of life, successful in his profession, with his heart full of his friends and his family; with the most genial of dispositions; a temperament at all times optimistic,

WILL NAME BOARD DURING THE WEEK

Mayor Yeiser Interested in Equalization.

Tax Book Supervisors Must Devote All Time Necessary to Honest Valuation.

MAY RETAIN PRESENT BOARD

Indications are that Mayor Yeiser will reorganize his board of tax book supervisors some time this week. He declines to say whether the present board will be reappointed or whether changes will be made. In fact, he said he had not completely made up his mind and he will not make any statement until he has the composition of the board ready for public announcement. There is more than a possibility that the present board will be retained in its entirety.

From what can be learned, it seems that the mayor intends to secure a board that will devote all the time to equalizing the assessment that he thinks is necessary. He is intent on getting a thorough overhauling of tax values. In four years conditions have so changed, that property heretofore considered a drug on the market, has become the feature of real estate transactions, and the business district has extended while other sections have felt more or less depression or inflation in value.

It is probable that an increase of considerable proportions in the total valuation will be found when the board concludes its labors.

Small House Burns.

Sunday morning at 3 o'clock fire companies No. 2 and 4 were called to Ashbrook avenue and Mill street. A small, one-room vacant frame house burned and is a total loss. It was set afire and nearly burned out when the alarm was given. It was owned by G. Barnes and was not insured.

CAVE-IN

CAUSES SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS IN NEW SEWER.

One or Two Days Will Be Consumed in Removing Dirt and Water From Trench.

Tennessee street and Jackson street both gave the sewer diggers in district No. 2, trouble last night. Between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets on Jackson street there is an immense cave-in, while the same condition exists in Tennessee street, the end of the sewer being covered. The hollows in the Illinois Central property are full of water, preventing further work until they are pumped out.

FEAST OF HANUKAH

Will Be Observed at Temple Israel Next Sunday.

The feast of Hanukkah will be observed next Sunday morning at the regular 11 o'clock service in Temple Israel. However, the service will be conducted by the children and is especially for them. The service will include the ceremony of lights. There will be no observance in any way of the holiday on Wednesday, on which day the feast falls. It is commemorative of the victories of the Maccabees over the hosts of the Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanes.

FRAU WAGNER SERIOUSLY ILL

Condition of Great Composer's Widow Is Declared Dangerous.

Beyreuth, Dec. 10.—Cosima Wagner, widow of Richard Wagner, is dangerously ill here.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

PRESIDENT DENOTES THE NOBEL PRIZE TO INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt today received the Nobel prize for his service in promoting peace. The Nobel prize is one of the world's greatest honors. A country is distinguished that claims as one of its citizens a recipient of the prize. The prize came in the form of \$1,000 and President Roosevelt is determined to make a present of the money to the people of the United States to be devoted to the cause of industrial peace. He believes his money cannot be better used than in bringing about better feeling between employees and employers. To this end the fund will be placed in the hands of a trustee, the income to be perpetually used for this purpose.

POLE ORDINANCE NOT CONSIDERED

Companies Have Not Decided What To Do.

Two Telephone Systems Cannot Use Poles Jointly and Conduit Is Too Expensive.

TELEGRAPH POLES ARE FEW.

Mayor Yeiser today signed the ordinance fixing an annual rental of \$2 the pole for all poles used in the public highways of Paducah by telegraph or telephone companies. This ordinance affects the Home and East Tennessee Telephone companies and the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies. If the poles are allowed to stand as thick as at present, they will be a source of hundreds of dollars revenue to the city annually.

Among the managers of the telegraph and telephone companies which will be affected by the new pole rental ordinance, the attitude seems to be one of indifference. The question of resisting the tax or submitting to it, will be decided by the officers in the companies higher up, and as yet they have not been informed what the decisions are.

However, should the tax have to be paid, it is unlikely that the companies could effect any great saving by combining to use the same poles. The telegraph companies have so few poles in the city that the tax is not significant. The telephone companies have not used each other's poles and would find it impracticable to do so. The rivalry between the employees of the two companies, the greater time required to repair trouble on a pole with many wires, and the actual danger in having too many wires to the pole, are some of the reasons.

The only way the number of poles in the city has been reduced is where the light company combined with the telephone company. The managers state that it is more expensive for all concerned to combine. For instance, a telephone employee has to climb through fighting wires of high voltage, necessitating great care, and therefore more time and expense. It would be cheaper to pay the tax than to build a conduit system.

WILL ORGANIZE

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CLASS POSTOFFICES.

Postmaster Fisher Will Go to Louisville Tomorrow to Attend Meeting.

Tomorrow Postmaster Frank M. Fisher will go to Louisville to attend the organization of postmasters of the state for first, second and third class postoffices. Kentucky is one of the few states which has not such an organization. The Paducah postoffice is in the first class. There are but three other first class post offices in this state. Because there are so few it was decided to organize the three classes together. The meeting will probably last two days.

—Saturday, December 15, is the date the I. C. pay car will reach Paducah. It is coming early to accommodate employees who desire to do holiday shopping.

HARD TO FIND MEN FOR POLICE FORCE

Right Kind of Material is Scarce in Paducah.

Police and Fire Commissioners Will Not Take Any Definite Action Tonight.

ALL PATROLMEN WILL REMAIN

Little business is expected to be transacted by the board of police and fire commissioners tonight at their regular meeting, although the reorganization of the police department and names of applicants will be considered. No appointments will be made. Sutherland, one of the commissioners, is absent.

As forecasted exclusively in The Sun, the positions of patrol driver and wagon guard will be arranged so that an efficient reserve will be afforded at the police station for emergency cases, and one man will not have to remain on duty day and night.

Two detectives will be appointed and it has been intimated that Detectives Moore and Baker will be reinstated, but when asked the commissioners today said no decision has been made by the board officially about the detective force, and they have a number of applicants for the position. It is believed generally, however, that the old men will go back.

The commissioners have discovered one fact—there are plenty of citizens ready to assume the duty of guarding the public peace and property, but there is a dearth of the kind of material, physically, mentally and morally, the board would like to have wearing the uniform on the streets. It will be difficult for the board to find a sufficient number of the right kind of men to increase the force to 30. As much has been said by commissioners. All the present force probably will be retained.

HIGH LICENSE

WILL PREVAIL IN PADUCAH DURING NEXT YEAR.

Bucket Shops, Instead of Being Driven Out, Will Be Heavily Taxed.

City Solicitor James Campbell has been instructed in drafting the new license ordinance to insert a clause for "bucket shops," commonly termed commission houses. Instead of enforcing the ordinance now in effect, which will after the first of the year exclude them from the city, this ordinance will be repealed and a license tax of \$2,000 imposed. It is thought this will be too steep, and will drive them away. The present license tax is \$500 per annum.

The joint license committee has decided on the following raises in licenses, all being subject to the action of the boards:

Loan companies from \$250 to \$500 all liquor dealers \$150 per annum where heretofore it was gauged by the class of sales, whether retail, wholesale, in gallons, quarts or pints; ice dealers from \$55 to \$75. No provision has heretofore been made for blacksmiths and horseshoers, and a tax of \$10 was fixed for them.

Postal Clerk Transferred.

Today an official order was received from Washington by the local postoffice department transferring Postal Clerk Charles Grimm to Albuquerque N. M. Mr. Grimm has been in that city for some time, going for his health. He petitioned for a transfer and his place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. A. Edwards, a substitute clerk.

WEATHER—Rain followed by clearing and colder tonight. Tuesday probably fair and much colder. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 59 and the lowest today was 53.

FIVE PEOPLE INJURED WHEN ENGINES COLLIDE

ENGINEER LOSES CONTROL OF AIR

THE INJURED.
S. J. Westfall, Pullman conductor, Tippecanoe, O., three fingers amputated.
Jack Drummer, passenger, New York City, bruised.
L. A. Lehman, passenger, Elkhart, Miss., bruised.
John Willingham, fireman, city, sprains and cuts.
Five-months-old son of Betty Sollars, Golconda, Ill., bruises.

CAPACITY

OF ICE PLANT WILL BE MORE THAN DOUBLED.

Twenty-Ton Machine Sold So as to Make Room for Larger Machine Ordered.

One of the 20-ton ice machines in the Paducah ice company's plant on First street has been sold to a Trenton, Tenn., manufacturer and is being shipped to that point today. It was sold to make room for the new 150-ton machine which will be installed this winter. When installed, the capacity of the ice plant will be increased from 105 tons to 220 tons a day.

THIEVES GOT SICK.

Took Medicine and Thought It Was Whisky.

Mistaking medicine for whisky, thieves were made sick, while preparing to blow the safe at the John Bonds' drug store, Third street and Kentucky avenue, Saturday morning, and were compelled to leave the store before accomplishing their purpose.

Bottles which they sampled for liquor were found where left, and putty and soap in cracks of the safe door with a liquid appearing to be nitroglycerin spilled on the floor in front of the safe, indicate the thieves intended blowing the safe. A rear door was forced, on the Kentucky avenue side, and entrance gained.

Naturalization of Japs.

Washington, Dec. 10.—"Should congress pass a law admitting subjects of Japan to citizenship the traditional friendship between the two nations would be materially strengthened," said Viscount Aoki, Japanese ambassador, in the course of an interview today. "Of course, no nation likes to see its subjects leave to take up a permanent abode in a foreign land and lose all relation with the fatherland, but in many cases it can not be helped."

Car Shortage Felt.

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 10.—A railway car shortage, which has existed in Henderson for several weeks, is beginning to assume dangerous proportions, and thousands of dollars worth of grain awaits shipment and will spoil. The officials of the roads entering Henderson say that they are powerless to relieve the situation.

Notices to Vacate.

Legal notices were served by a constable Saturday and today on property owners renting houses to women of a questionable character on the north side. The notices were gotten out by members of the frontier committee. If the women are not made to move, the committee intends to prosecute landlords in the courts for renting houses to bawds.

Brute Gets Twenty Years.

N. L. Hart, Saturday at Smithland got 20 years in the penitentiary for assaulting his stepdaughter, a girl less than 12 years old. The crime was committed near Luka in Livingston county, and Hart escaped but was later captured in Tennessee. Hart confessed.

Campbell Will Filed.

A copy of the will of the late Given Campbell was Saturday filed in county court by James Campbell, a son of the deceased. The widow gets the estate, except \$300 set aside to buy watches for the daughter and sons.

Blows His Distress Whistle But Crashes Into Switch Engine.

THIRTY-FIVE MILES AN HOUR

Both Engines Damaged by Impact and Passengers Thrown From Seats and Berths.

WAS RUNNING BEHIND TIME

Five people were injured and two engines smashed at the Illinois Central passenger station this morning in a collision between the Memphis-Louisville fast train and a light switch engine.

The accident was caused by the air brake on the passenger engine refusing to work, and preventing the engineer from slowing down as he approached the station from around the curve of the Memphis division.

Discovering his air pump had stopped, and his air supply exhausted, Engineer Mike Kelley, pulling the fast Illinois Central flyer No. 103, from Memphis to Louisville, blew his distress signal as he rounded the curve to the station and reversed, but without avail. His heavy train crashed into the light engine standing ahead of the Paducah passenger depot at 2:10 o'clock this morning, and five persons were injured. In rounding the curve leading to the depot the engine nearly turned over, and the rate of speed the train maintained is said to have been fully 35 miles an hour. Kelley was 30 minutes late and making up time.

The train was No. 194, engine No. 244, engineer Mike Kelley, city Fireman John Willingham, city, and Conductor George Mullinix, of Louisville. The engine struck was No. 234, Engineer Lee Smith and Fireman J. M. Trice.

The passenger train was due at 1:40, and at 2:10 o'clock at the coal chute Kelley found his air defective. He saw his pump had stopped and that his engine had gotten beyond control. Several distress signals were blown, and Engineer Smith, on the waiting light engine, which was to have taken the passenger train on to Louisville, started up. He gave his engine steam as fast as she would take it, but the rain made the tracks slippery and the engine barely moving when rushing by the depot at least 35 miles an hour, the heavy passenger train crashed into the light engine.

The tank of the light engine was smashed in and the pilot on the passenger engine crushed. Passengers in the cars were thrown from their berths and seats in utmost confusion and none escaped minor hurts. Railroad physicians were on the scene in a few minutes.

Pullman Conductor Westfall caught his right hand in the door and three fingers were crushed so the first joints had to be amputated.

Jack Drummer, of New York City, 114 West Fortieth street, was thrown from his berth in the sleeper and suffered severe bruises about the head and severe sprains.

L. A. Lehman, a passenger of Elkhart, Miss., was thrown from his berth and sustained a badly bruised head and neck.

The five-months-old son of Mrs. Betty Sollars, Golconda, Ill., was bruised about the head.

Fireman John Willingham, of 1431 Jefferson street, was thrown from the cab of the passenger train engine and his right wrist was sprained and his face cut and bruised.

The injuries are not serious except to the Pullman conductor. Physicians made all comfortable and as soon as the engines were separated and the track cleared, the train was sent ahead with a fresh engine.

There were many theories advanced in explanation of the cause of the wreck. Kelley stated that the air pump failed to work. This could readily have caused the engine to get beyond control. Another is that a tramp riding the blind baggage turned the angle cock and cut the air off from the engine.